COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

BUDGET SESSION OF 1102.

Wednesday, the $\frac{\text{11th of Karkadagam 1102.}}{\text{27th of July 1927.}}$

The third meeting of the budget session began in the Town Hall, Ernakulam, on Wednesday, the 11th of Karkadagam 1102, corresponding to the 27th of July 1927, the Diwan occupying the Chair. All the Members except Messrs. Lonappan Chakkola, C. N. Ittiravi Nambudiri, K. Krishna Menon, Poulo Mampilli, P. Munda Vaidyan, J. T. Murray and C. A. Ouseph, were present.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

The Depressed Classes Advisory Committee.

32. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government have read the notification issued by the Government of Madras appointing a Depressed Classes Advisory Committee; and, if the answer is in the negative,

(b) whether the Government will refer to the *Hindu* (Madras) of 9th May 1927, in which this notification is published;

(c) whether there is any such Depressed Classes Advisory Committee created in our State by the Government?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) Yes.

(b) No answer is necessary.

(c) No.

Grants to Reading Rooms.

33. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any rule, principle or standard is followed by the Government in giving grants to Reading Rooms; and, if so, what is it;

(b) whether the population of the village in which the Reading Room is situated is taken into consideration in giving grants; and, if so, what is the population of the villages in which

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Reading Rooms are being aided by the Government and what is the population of Kunnamkulam village from which the Government had received requests for Reading Room grant;

(c) how many Reading Rooms are being aided by the Government and in what villages they are located?

Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) A copy of the rules governing the grant to Libraries and Reading Rooms in the State is appended. (*Vide Appendix I.*) The funds at the disposal of Government, the conditions of the Library that applies for grant, the extent of its use by the public, etc., are taken into consideration.

(b) The population of the village is only one of the grounds. All available information regarding population of villages can be found in *the Census Report.*

(c) Nine. 1. Ernakulam Town, 2. Cranganur, 3. Irinjalakkuda Town, 4. Kattur, 5. Trichur Town English Library, 6. Trichur Town Malayalam Library, 7. Ayilur, 8. Chittur, 9. Trippunittura Princes' Library.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government consider the question of creating a Reading Room in Kunnamkulam?

Mr. C. Matthai.—There was an application, and the question has been considered.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Has it been disposed of; and, if so, how?

Mr. C. Matthai.—It has been disposed of.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—How?

Mr. C. Matthai.—Government did not think there was sufficient justification for having a library there.

Malayalam Shorthand.

34. Srimati T. Madhavi Amma.—Will the Government be pleased to state.

whether Malayalam Shorthand is introduced in the Commercial Schools in the State?

Mr. C. Matthai.—No.

Srimati T. Madhavi Amma.—Has the Government any objection for introducing Malayalam Shorthand in schools?

Mr. C. Matthai.—Government have no objection. They are making the necessary enquiries.

Women teachers.

35. Srimati T. Madhavi Amma.—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of acting women teachers who are thrown out of employment at the end of the school year (1102)?

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APPENDIX I.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 33.)

Rules governing the grant to be paid to Libraries and Reading Rooms in the State.

1. The Library or Reading Room must contain useful books in it either in addition to or without newspapers and magazines.

2. It must be under the control of a Manager or Committee of Managers and in the latter case one must be appointed Secretary or responsible Manager.

3. The power to sanction aid to the Library and Reading Room shall rest with the Diwan who will fix the maximum amount that can be given to each Library or Reading Room in a year.

4. The Library or Reading Room should maintain complete accounts, registers and records which shall be open to inspection by the Director of Education or by his deputy at such times as he may appoint.

5. No Library or Reading Room shall be eligible for a grant which has not been in existence for at least three months before the date of application.

6. The Library or Reading Room must be perfectly undenominational.

7. Half the cost of approved books or magazines purchased in a year shall be met by the Government, but in no case shall the grant exceed the amount fixed by the Diwan for each Library or Reading Room.

8. The grant shall be paid only after the books are purchased or at least only after a satisfactory assurance is given that they have been ordered. Application for grant shall be made early in the official year.

9. Grants may be reduced or withdrawn entirely by the Diwan at a month's notice, if he learns that the institution is not working satisfactorily.

10. Application for a grant or for an increase of grant to a Library or Reading Room must be made to the Diwan through the Director of Education and must be accompanied by a copy of its rules and of its subscription accounts for the preceding three months, as also by a list of the books which it contains.

11. At the close of each Malabar year a brief report showing the progress and condition of the institution, and statements of receipts and expenditure must be forwarded by the Manager to the Director of Education for submission to the Diwan.

12. In the event of a Library or Reading Room, for which a Sirkar grant has been given, ceasing to exist, the Library or Reading Room shall refund to the Sirkar the amount given as grant if not the books in the institution or such portion of them as in the view of the Director of Education will equal in value the grants received shall be handed over to Government.

13. Grants will be given without distinction to institutions having English or Vernacular books or both.

14. The interpretation of any article in these Rules shall rest with the Diwan. Government reserves to itself the right to cancel, modify or to add to these rules, if it sees fit to do so at any time.

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